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It's the Third Annual Evening Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade

Santa Claus will be coming to town with all his bells and whistles on at the third annual night-time Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade on Friday, Nov. 21 starting at 6:30 p.m.

The Village of Haliburton will be lit up with sparkling lights, floats, marchers, horses and bands during this festive annual tradition that will have everyone in the whole family feeling the Christmas spirit.

"This event is run by The Haliburton Village BIA and The Haliburton and District Lions Club," said Jim Frost, Lions Club member and Parade Coordinator.

Frost explains how the idea was presented to hold the parade in the evening instead of the day.

"It used to be held on Sunday afternoons, but then the BIA wanted to investigate how a night parade would go," said Frost. "At first we were kind of nervous about that because we thought that less people would participate because of extra costs to run generators and lights – but we were wrong."

The first night parade was held in 2006 and brought out a total of 47 entrants. Last year that number increased to 52.

This year's live entertainment line-up will include:



The Kawartha Cavaliers, the Highland Silver Flutes, North Hastings Highlanders Pipes and Drums (Bancroft) and the Bracebridge Legion Pipes and Drums.

Currently, there is still space available for those who'd like to actively participate in the parade.

"They can bring a float, come with a group to march or walk beside a car or truck - which is what many people do" said Frost.

Although this is a free event, Frost encourages people to make donations to the BIA to help cover the costs, because as he says, "it's a huge undertaking."

Lions Club members will also be out on the streets with shopping carts to collect food items and cash donations on behalf of the local food banks. And kids with a few wishes on their Christmas list can expect to see walking mailboxes from Canada Post who will be at the parade to collect their letters for Santa.

Frost has a few tips on how to make sure you have a great night at this year's parade.

"Dress warmly, there won't be any parking on the main street (for the sake of providing a great view) and make sure to look forward to a good time."

As always, the highlight of the night will come when Jolly Old St. Nicholas arrives in town in style with his sled and reindeer for this annual

outing.

Frost expects to see 50 entries at this year's parade.

To find out how you can involved with this spectacular event that's fun for the whole family, contact Jim Frost at 705 457-4031.

The Route of the Parade

This year's parade will start at the Haliburton United Church parking lot and will proceed down Pine St. to Highland St. before finally dispersing at York St.

Extendicare's Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale

Don't leave that Christmas shopping to the last minute. Take a trip to Extendicare in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 15 between 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. for the Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale.

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The Challenge Continues

Aaron Walker of Grill on the Gull, Next Featured Chef at Foodland

Having a healthy, balanced diet is crucial for ensuring that a child reaches their maximum growth potential physically, mentally and socially. For some families, providing some of the basic necessities can be a struggle.

That's why SIRCH Community Services and Consulting has introduced the "Chef-of-the-Month" program as part of their Healthy Children CAPC/CPNP program. Just a couple of weeks ago, Franka Andriano, owner of Franka's Cafe and Catering in Haliburton, was first to step up to the plate at Bob and Wendy's Foodland. On Wednesday, Nov. 26, Aaron Walker of The Grill On the Gull will be next to take on the challenge. Everyone is welcome to attend.

According to SIRCH, many parents with young children have incomes of less than \$18,000/year. That means they often have less than \$200/month to feed a family of four after paying expenses like rent, hydro and heat.

The statistics indicate that a large number of families are in this situation. According to a study in 2000 by Statistics Canada, 26 per cent of families with children ages 0-6 in Haliburton County live in poverty. Also, a family of four in Haliburton County is living in poverty if they earn \$26,015 or less per year, according to Building Better Outcomes for Children in Haliburton County.

Children who are malnourished could be at risk because inadequate nutrition affects brain development and learning.

So SIRCH is issuing a challenge, and that challenge is directed towards local area chefs. The question they are asking is, "Can nutritious meals and snacks be made for a family of four based on \$6.50 per day?" The expertise of local chefs is desperately needed to help answer this question!

The goal is to be able to develop a meal plan for family of four within a budget of \$200/month. Each meal or snack must

be healthy and nutritionally complete. All food is prepared at Bob and Wendy's Foodland in Haliburton during a 1.5 hour time frame. This process includes; the purchasing of the food, a demonstration, an explanation of what the food is its nutritional value, why it was chosen and whether the chef stayed within the \$6.50 budget. Families will also get to taste-test the recipe and a question period will be provided to families regarding the meal.

The chefs also have to provide an accounting of cost per recipe and each meal plan and the recipes are published in The Voice and by SIRCH. Once a year, SIRCH combines all the menus and recipes into a cookbook called "Healthy Children Cookbook: Featuring the Chefs of Haliburton County."

For more information on this new and exciting challenge or to find out how you can get involved, contact Nancy Brownsberger at SIRCH at 705 457-1742.



A Christmas Craft and Bake Sale Gooderham United Church Invites You to Attend

Looking for some delicious goodies and a wide variety of handcrafted items? Then make sure to come to the Gooderham United Church on Saturday, Nov. 22 for the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale.

Catch all the action from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. when you look for those special Christmas presents. Here you'll find handcrafts, superb gently used items and baked goods. A light lunch, coffee, tea and muffins will be available.

Also make sure to pay a visit to the church's new minister and guest of honour, Patsy Henry.

A Little Bit of Everything It's Almost Here!

Christmas items are arriving every day at **A Little Bit of Everything**. Shopping early is advised, as we sell out of seasonal items very quickly.

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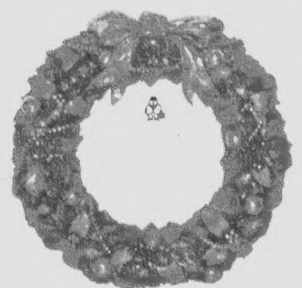
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Harcourt Park Marina

Spotlight On Business

By Mark Arike

Harcourt Park Marina - An Exciting Destination for Everything Outdoors

Ann Corrigan and her partner Ron Goessele know what's like to build a business from the ground up.

It was five years ago that the two first opened up the Harcourt Park Marina and since then the husband and wife team have managed to accomplish a lot.

Before deciding to launch their own small business, the couple resided in Keswick, Ont. for 12 years where they worked for others in their own individual fields of expertise.

"Ron worked at the De Havilland Aircraft Company as an aircraft assembler and he also worked on big boats on Lake Simcoe because he had a trade license as a marine mechanic for years," explained Corrigan. "I was working at Coca Cola as a payroll consultant and before that I had worked for a number of years as a human resources manager."

There came a day when both agreed that they were tired of living the city life and that they wanted to work for themselves.

"We began raising a family and Ron left his industry because of the seasonal work. We started saying, 'let's do this thing that we've been talking about and let's start a marina.'"

The couple put their words into action and went out on a tour to research Ontario's countryside for property.

"We drove for months. We had been in Sudbury, Port Loring and Georgian Bay. My mom actually ended up finding this marina in Harcourt

in the Lakefield Herald newspaper. She called me on New Year's Day of 2003 and we moved here in July of 2003," said Corrigan.

Because of Ron's professional background and their desire to find a healthier environment to live and work in, the marina industry seemed to fit their criteria.



"We wanted to get out in the world and we didn't want to work for other people anymore," said Corrigan. "And I was sick of the commuting," says Goessele.

The two brought with them their children Jessica and Eric and over the years they have assisted their parents with the business in various roles.

"Jessica worked in the store for years and Eric works for an outside contractor in the summer. He still comes to cut the grass," said Goessele.

20-year-old Jessica is currently in her second year of the business commerce program at Carleton University in Ottawa and 16-year-old Eric is attending Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

In the beginning, the two demonstrated their commitment to getting the business off the ground by putting in long hours and renovating the building.

Corrigan and Goessele recall what those trying times were like.

"Our first year was chaos!" laughed Corrigan. "Nothing can prepare you for how demanding it actually was. It was a marina when we bought it, but we had to do extensive renovations to get it to where we wanted it to be."

"We really built up the recreational side of the business," added Goessele.

Lots of trees were cut down and land cleared to make room for the many boats that now sit outside. The building itself was also completely refurbished.

It was a whole lot of work for both owners who started off by running everything on their own.

"In the first two years after we started, we were really hustling. Ron and I used to stay up until 1 a.m. to get

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A Full Service Marina and General Store in Business for Five Years Continues to Thrive

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snowmobiles ready for people who were coming up. I would put sliders on machines by myself and put belts on while Ron was doing other things. We really worked hard and it was just the two of us!"

Now that they have some help Goessele admits that "our life is a lot easier."

The Harcourt Park Marina is nestled in the unspoiled, protected environment known as Harcourt Park (a non-profit cottaging corporation comprised of 6,900 acres of land and 18 lakes). The property backs right on to Little Straggle Lake, which makes for easy boat access. The couples' home is also attached to their business.

Outside of the building there are plenty of boats and ATVs available for purchase. Corrigan points out some of the brands and services that can be found at their marina.

"We store 150 boats here and we carry three boating lines, Doral sport boats, Mirrorcraft aluminum boats and Palm Beach pontoons."

And this past summer they officially became a Suzuki dealership.

"We're really proud of that," said Corrigan. "We've really taken the business to the next level."

The two say they were the ones to pursue Suzuki because it's a product they believe in.

"I like the product and Suzuki's terms are reasonable," explained Goessele. "If you don't believe in something, you can't sell it. At least I can't. So the products that we sell are ones that I can back."

Corrigan adds that her husband has a real talent for matching a person up with the product that is right for them.

"He's really, really good at making sure that they can get the boat they want and not the one that they think they should have. He asks them lots of questions, finds out what they want to do, discourages them from expensive bad buys but makes sure that they walk away happy and that they stay that way."

Some of the other services that are offered through the marina include: boat and snowmobile service and storage, boat transport up to 26-feet and mechanical repairs on ATVs, lawnmowers, chainsaws and trailers. Dock building. They will also winterize cottage plumbing systems.

Since Harcourt Park is a private park, services are offered to non-members on a 'by appointment basis' only. To learn more visit www.harcourtparkmarina.ca.

The general store on the property offers many convenience store products, including groceries and supplies, gasoline and propane, snacks, fishing tackle and bait and video rentals.

Recently, the business was recognized for their adoption of clean, environmentally friendly practices. It's a feat that the two are both proud of.

"There are about 700 marinas in Ontario and around 60 have a five-

star anchor rating," explained Corrigan.

This particular program first started in 1997 by the Ontario Marine Operators Association, Environment Canada and the Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOE).

Marinas and yacht clubs apply to Greenleaf Environmental Communications, (operating under license from Environment Canada) to be Eco-Rated. An environmental audit including more than 200 practices and procedures is then completed, with results scored in a rating system that goes between one and five anchors. The Harcourt Park Marina received a full five anchors (or 97 per cent) this summer after they were evaluated.

Goessele talked about how the business was examined during the thorough evaluation.

"What they grade you on is how you deal with waste oils, how you deal with gasoline, recycling and the types of products you use. Are they environmentally friendly? They even look at your computer and how old it is and the types of lighting you are using."

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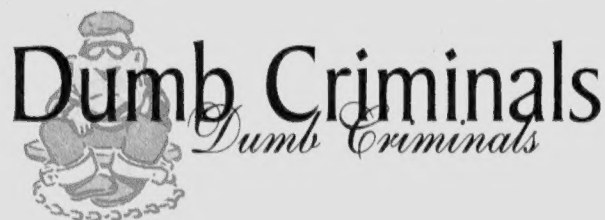
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Car thief flags down wrong car

I am a police officer in South Carolina. One day while on patrol, a green Dodge Avenger pulled out in front of me with a broken tail-light. I pulled alongside the car and noticed three males, all of maybe 14 years old in the car. I told them of their broken tail light to which they replied, "well fix it later." I told them to pull over and they jumped from the car and fled.

I was able to stop the driver of the car, but the other two got away. After a brief foot chase the passenger was arrested by other officers, but the smallest of the group had gotten away. The car they were in was stolen and they had just hit another car down the street.

A few minutes later a brown older model car pulled up and a nice gentleman exited and asked, "Did you lose something?" He had my third suspect in his car. After bailing out of the stolen car, the kid ran down the street and flagged down another car for a ride home. Unfortunately for him, the car he flagged down had just passed the crime scene. The driver saw what was going on, picked the kid up, and brought him back to us.

Postal employee issues money orders to himself

I am an MP currently on active duty in Germany. One day while sitting at the MP station of a neighboring base I witnessed the following case unfold. It seems that a civilian employee of the community's local American Post Office had apparently fudged the records and stole a U.S. Money order made out for several hundred dollars.

The scam was well thought out to this point, however the individual made one minor error: He made the money order out to himself, cashed it at his local bank (also on the base) and deposited the money into his own savings account.

It took investigators all of about thirty minutes to wrap up the case. When they apprehended the subject he was at hard at work at the Post Office issuing money orders!

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Christmas Bazaar & Luceon

Saturday Nov 22.

St. Anthony of Padua Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church Victoria St. Haliburton Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008; 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Crafts, Toonie Table, Bake and White Elephant Tables Lunch (soup, sandwich, dessert, and beverage) for \$5.00 is served--- takeout is available

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Corrigan adds that achieving this high score was an extremely important goal of theirs.

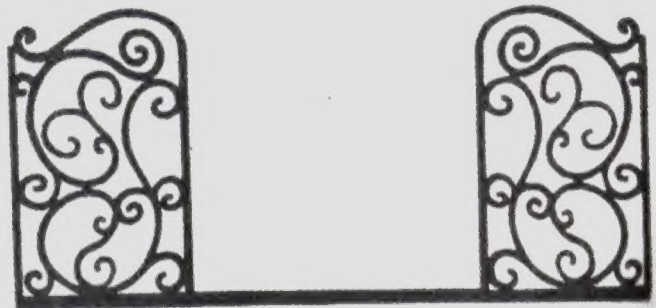
"It espouses all the same values that we try to bring across. We want to be responsible employers and responsible to the environment. We're thrilled that we got 97 per cent. It makes us really feel good."

To see everything that the Harcourt Park Marina has to offer in all seasons visit their web site at www.harcourtparkmarina.ca. It's where you'll also find a list of ongoing events, items for sale, pictures of the marina and much more.

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By Terrance Gavan

Ghosts, Brett Favre, and Bill Kinsella on a Field of Dreams

Truth is, I believe in ghosts, aliens and god. In no particular order.

That's a tough crank of baggage to be saddled with in this age of enlightenment.

I don't think I'm strange. I'm reasonably intelligent, a university graduate. I'm comfortable with my decisions on all three. In fact, I come by this triumvirate belief system honestly.

The aliens are simple. It's a big universe. We, as a race, would be seriously bucking odds if we bet on a notion that we are the only intelligent life extant in that trillion-acre plot up there. It would comprise the ultimate conceit to think that we are alone among the stars.

Also, three telling anomalies. Mother Teresa, Usain Bolt, and Tiger Woods. Not human. Oh, Mother Teresa may seem out of place in that trio, but I can vouchsafe her bona fides. I was in Calcutta back in 1983 and saw her go back door and cram an "Oh my lordy Lourdes-loopin' slamma' jam" over the head of a 6'9" falafel salesman. That sister could hang serious air, as in ... move over Jordan and Dr. J. (Also aliens) You see something like that. You begin to alter your perceptions vis-à-vis reality.

God's a no-brainer. I was brought up Roman Catholic and studied philosophy under a few Jesuits, one of whom convinced me that 93 is the actual number of angels that can dance on the head of a pin. Shortly after that chat, I had a Eureka moment ... spoke in tongues ... and saw a blinding light. I heard the words, "I'm here to give you hope and lead you to the promised land," emanating from the burning apparition. That was in 1989 and it sunk in last Tuesday evening, that the seminal message from the halogen array was actually the voice of Barack Obama. The original message was delivered in an Irish brogue, but I am attributing that to god's penchant for haha. O'Bama: get it? Yes, my god is more Lenny Bruce than bullying brooder ... more Carlin than campy crimper ... more Pryor than finagling fire and frump panderer. But that's me. An optimist. I hope that my god will judge me on my foibles, not my faults.

To be brutally honest, the Jesuits scare me. I know a few who have flown in from Ambartsumian's Knot, a galaxy just south of Andromeda. Don't believe all that Canadian Martyr stuff. Jean Brebeuf was actually transported back aboard the mother ship long before the Iroquois did a Joan of Arc on his preachy backside.

The ghosts? I blame that on my mother. My mother was a second generation Faeroe Islander, a Viking descendant who possessed a very powerful

connection to the other side. I've seen it. Three times, when I was very young, growing up in Ottawa, my mother woke me in the middle of the night. Three times shortly after she woke me, the phone rang. Three times she knew that the phone would ring, and long before it did, she hugged me and said there was bad news a comin'. Once it was the death of her dad at the family farm in the Manitoba Interlake. Another time the phone rang from Manitoba, with news that her brother, Gusti had passed. The third time the phone rang from Victoria. Her sister, my auntie Angel had miscarried in her fifth month.

Mom told me that all three times she was jarred from sleep, she knew. She was woken from deep rem slumber by her father, her brother and an infant.

Once is crazy, twice is spooky and three time's unimpeachable. I am intuitive. I got that from mom.

In the spring of 2005 I was bumped in the night. Jarred awake. A baseball field in Iowa was the last thing I remember from the dream. I recognized the field. It was the field made famous by Kevin Costner. The field inspired by William P Kinsella's book Shoeless Joe. I won the Univesity of Manitoba Poetry contest back in 1983. My prize was a copy of Shoeless Joe and Bill Kinsella signed the copy personally. We had a beer at the university pub and he said he liked my poem. That night that I was awoken so rudely by an Iowa image, I reread that copy of Shoeless Joe.

The next day I drove to Toronto and booked a flight for Des Moines. I rented a car at the airport and drove two- and-a-half hours to Dyersville, Iowa. I arrived in the late afternoon and checked into my motel. It was nearing dusk when I drove out to the field of dreams.

It was early June and cloudless. Too early for the ubiquitous tall corn, but just in time for summer planting.

I have no idea what I was doing there. There were no instructions in the dream. Just an unflagging notion to move; to get up out of bed; to reread a dogeared favorite; and, to get to Iowa.

Well here I was. In Iowa. In early June. The sun was on its ebb, but a warm buffet filled the prairie air. I had a mitt and a ball. There were fathers and sons here. It was a beautiful night. Some of the kids were running the bases. The fathers were standing ... attempting to suck it all in. They were, I could tell, none of them remembering the movie. They were there with their ghosts. They were there with fathers. They were there with old friends. I met four generations there.

Great grandpa 81, grandpa 60, father 31 and son 11. They were playing catch in shallow left field. I backed up great-granddad on a couple of short hops fired from his great-grandson. They asked if I wanted to join them. They were from new Hampshire. I forgot their names. I told them I might join them later.

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Truth is, I was feeling sheepish. What the hell was I doing here?

Off in the distance I spotted a man. Grey hair. He was ambling toward me. As he closed I recognized Bill Kinsella. He grabbed my hand. Before I could say anything he nodded. "Derry, is the name of your poem, and you're Terry, I remember," said Bill. Then wordlessly he pointed off in the distance to center field. "I think the guy you're looking for is over there."

We walked over in silence to the guy sitting in dead center. Like me he had a mitt and a ball.

"Brett Favre?" I said, and the head came up and nodded slowly.

"What are you doing here?" I asked.

"I have no idea," said the then Green Bay quarterback. He told me he had a dream "the other night" ditched a few workouts and drove here, "out of the blue."

"Catch?" asked Brett Favre. "Sure," I answered. The first ball I threw him was a short hop to his right. He responded with a two-hopper on my left. We traded forcing grounders for 15 minutes, laughing. As the sun dripped to sunset and light waned he stopped. "Who taught you to throw?" asked Brett.

"My pops," I responded. "He used to tell me that batters never hit the ball at you."

"Mine too," laughed Brett. "Your dad was your coach." It was as if I had heard that for the first time and now I knew why I was here. I remembered that Brett had lost his own father in 2003. Irvin Favre was Brett's football coach, his dad and his mentor.

I suddenly stopped. "Look Brett have you met my friend Bill Kinsella?" and as I looked around I realized that Bill Kinsella was gone, almost as if he'd never been there. Brett looked at me strangely.

"But you came here alone," he said.

We left the field together, and went out that night for a steak dinner.

As we said our good-byes, I told him about Bill Kinsella and I gave him my dog-eared book, signed by the author.

"You probably think I'm crazy, but when I walked up to you in center field, I was led there by Bill Kinsella ... and you say I came alone ... I really can't explain that," I said.

And Brett just laughed.

Look Terry, I don't think it's crazy at all," said Brett shaking my hand.

The he looked me straight in the eye.

"I believe in fathers and sons; and I believe in god, aliens and ghosts ... in no particular order," said Favre. "And tonight, I let one of those ghosts go home."

We shook hands. I asked him to sign my baseball. He asked me to sign the book.

And that's why I still believe in gods, aliens and ghosts. I phoned Bill Kinsella shortly after I got home.

He remembered me, from the poetry contest, but said he hasn't been to Dyersville, Iowa, since the filming of the movie.

The baseball is in a pristine glass case. On certain nights it emits a strange backlit aura. I can't explain it and I don't let it bother me.

Help Local Families and Get the Spa Treatment Marcy's Day Spa to Host Their First 'Nail-a-Thon' Fundraiser

Marcy's Day Spa has a plan to help warm the hearts of young children and families living in Haliburton who are in need of toys and food this Christmas.

On Nov. 29 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., the spa will be hosting its first ever 'Nail-a-Thon' - a fund-raising idea that was suggested by local writer Jerelyn Craden.

"People are being asked to collect monetary donations and bring them to the spa. The donations will go to the local 4C's to be divided as needed," said owner Marcy Wilkins.

As well, by sponsoring participants you'll enable them to have a wonderful pampering spa afternoon. As a sponsor, you'll also have a shot at receiving some of that tender loving care. Your name will automatically be entered in a draw to win a complimentary spa day as a "thank you!"

So join in on all the fun at the Nail-a-Thon for prize grabs, a silent auction (prizes provided by local businesses) and a full range of spa services that are listed below.

Children are welcome to attend in the spa's Christmas kid-sitting room! Healthy snacks and beverages will be provided.

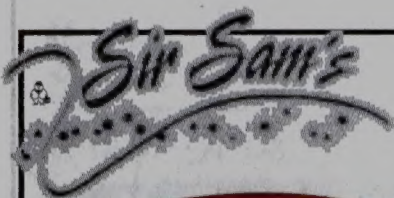
Pledge forms can be picked up at Marcy's Day Spa and some local businesses.

For more information please contact Marcy at 705 457-4603.

Marcy's Day Spa is located at 233 Highland St. Haliburton.

Pledge to give the participants some of these spa services:

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New Business **Northlander Gifts** *Introducing ...*

By Mark Arike

For years, Karen West has been putting together lovely gift baskets for all different types of festive occasions for her family and friends. But now, what started out as a self-taught, recreational hobby has developed into a business that is turning heads.

"I started off doing a lot of wedding showers, baby showers and birthdays throughout the years," explains Karen. "Whenever people wanted one I'd make it for them."

Karen became a permanent resident in Haliburton County with her husband Doug in July of 2007. Although she's hasn't lived here her whole life, she does have fond childhood memories of what it was like to spend summers in the Highlands.

"My mother had a farm on Airport Rd. (just outside of Haliburton). I spent many summers here vacationing has a child. I liked to swim and do other kid activities. I'd spend all summer up here until it was time to go back to school," she smiles.

Karen's children are grown and all live outside of the area.

"My youngest son is a Toronto police officer, my other son works at the Tim Horton's headquarters (he created the Ice Cappuccino), and my daughter has been working at a place that makes cakes called Wild Factor."

This past September, Karen took a brave step forward and launched her solo venture called 'Northlander Gifts'.

"People always kept telling me I should do it because they'd say that

my baskets are beautiful and they're full," she says. "I never really thought about doing it as a business until this year but I guess it was something that just clicked it in my head. So I figured I'll try it."

To date, Karen's baskets have appeared in some prestigious local events and fundraisers and many clients have shown interest in using her services repeatedly.

"I did a basket for Century 21 that was featured at the Hike Haliburton auction in the Delta Pinestone. Last year one of my baskets was at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHSF) Classy Cocktail Caper and I just did a basket for the Kozy Korner that was auctioned off at the Taste of Italy fundraiser."

Karen's also made baskets for the Minden Hospital, Barrie hospital and she even donated one to the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment to "warm their hearts," as she puts it.

When it comes to actually making the baskets, Karen says you'll often find



more value in her product than if you shop elsewhere.

"In most other baskets, stuff is just piled up to front with little samples. But with me, I'm giving people their money's worth."

She can also make them as large or small as the client desires.

"If someone asked me to wrap a car, I think I would do it!" she laughs. "Size doesn't matter. For my niece I did a big clothes hamper and I built it up with every kitchen appliance that you could think of."

For those who might be unsure as to what they'd like in a wrapped basket for that special occasion or celebration, Karen will help you to decide.

"People can phone me and I'll ask them what they'd like in their basket, what occasion it's for and how much are they willing to spend."

Karen points out some of the unique baskets she's made that brought out her inventive side.

"For one wedding shower I tied a negligee into a bow on the outside and I had panties coming out of the top. For my grandson last year I went and bought a plastic wagon and I filled it up with toys, cloths and I wrapped it all up in a basket. I also hung a teddy bear on the outside of it."

Karen is providing her services throughout the County and she's even

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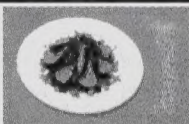


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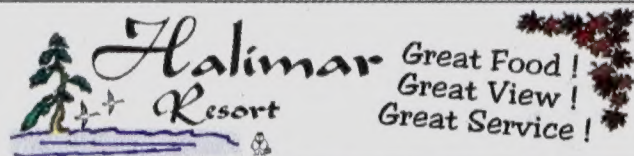
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by Mel Smith

Best wish for a very speedy recovery go out to Bob Hayward, who is resting at home. Get Well Soon your friends miss you.

Events:

November 14 Pot Luck at 8:00 p.m. This is to Celebrate any Birthdays or Anniversaries that take place in this month. This also is the time when the Legion is going to set up a jam session. So get out your best recipe and tune up your voice and an instrument and come on out for a fun nite.

The Monthly Spagetti Dinner November 21, 5-7 p.m. the price is \$6.00. The Monthly Spagetti Dinner, put on by our Membership, will be a little later this month. But anything worth enjoying is worth waiting for, and it is a great dinner.

Honours and Awards Night is November 21 at 7 p.m. at the Wilberforce Legion, The following will receive Awards:

Receiving an Executive Bar: Cynthia Goodison, Valerie Smith.

Associate Member 5 Years:

Wynne Agnew, Daniel Bartholomew, Christine Bond, David Burton, Cindy Hall, Ron Muirhead, Deloris Packard, Frank Phillips, Gloria Sweeting, Jean Wood.

Affiliate Member 5 Years:

Daniel Graham, Louise Graham, Lorne Harris, Steve Honderich, Alan Marion, Robert Parker, William Pawlowsky, George Lazier, Chessley Stickwood, David Rowley.

Associate Member 10 Years:

Colin Cook, Phyllis Fitzgibbon, Elaine Juhl-Shore, Brad McFarlane, Jason McFarlane, Ross Mellville, George Shore, Yvonne West.

Affiliate Member 10 Years: Daniel Cashin, Alsn Hetherington.

Associate Member 15 Years: Jannette Packard.

Ordinary Member 15 Years: Alvin Schrader.

Karen West Makes Eye-Catching and Affordable Gift Baskets for All Occasions

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willing deliver customers' orders, provided that they don't live too far out of the way.

Karen is currently working out of her own home, but in the future she'd like to open up a separate space that would give her more room and would allow her to offer even more to the community.

"I would have my daughter come up and help me and I'd like to bring in kids so I could teach them to do crafts and baskets. I'd like to have a lot of stuff going on for kids," she emphasis.

She also has something special in mind that she's hoping to host in the near future.

"I want to do a fund-raiser for Sick Kids Hospital," she explains. "My niece, Jesse, had cancer when she was a baby. I'd like to hold an event in a hall where one dollar from each basket would go to the hospital."

So, if you have a place in mind where Karen could rent a space to host this fund-raiser, contact her at 705 754-4257 or email her at baileyvankaren@yahoo.com.

For an entire range of gift basket needs you can reach her at the above contacts.

Ordinary Member 25 Years: Harry Dale.

Associate Member 30 Years: Allan Fulton, Robert Klapow. Glen Paudash, Ross Covert.

Associate Member 35 Years: Randolph Scott, James Weir.

Ordinary Member 35 Years: Fred Peel.

Ordinary Member 40 Years: Robert Stuart.

Ordinary Member 45 Years: Eric Browning.

Legionnaire of the Year: Bob Anderson.

A letter from the Secretary, Debbie Cachia, Our weeknight clubs have expressed their difficulty in finishing up their games before 9:00 p.m., so we are extending the closing time to 10:00 p.m., n Monday through to Thursday.

Please note the Wilberforce legion Banquet room is available for rent to all members of the community for private events. Also, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary do an excellent job catering. Following recent renovations, the Legion is very bright and fresh appearing making it an excellent place to hold special occasions. For more informatoin regarding renting the Banquet room and/or catering please call 448 2221.

Please remember to pay your membership dues, which must be paid by November 30th.

Monday November 17, Open Bid Euchre Nite, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

Tuesday November 11, Remembrance Day Service.

Wednesday November 12, Open Darts Nite. Every Wednesday Nite

Thursday November 13, Open Euchre afternoon. Every Thursday afternoon except for the first and then it is held on Wednesday.

Thursday November 13, General Membership, this was changed from Tuesday due to the Remembrance Day Cerimonies.

Friday November 14, Pot Luck Dinner & Jam Session.

Saturday November 15, Open Meat Draw. Every Saturday Afternoon.

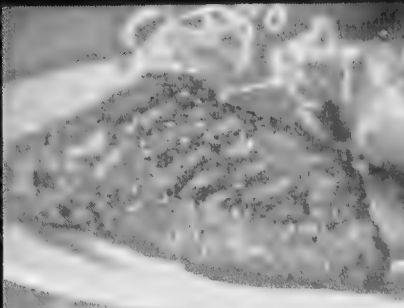
Friday November 21, The Spagetti Dinner.

Friday November 21, Honours and Awards starting at 7 p.m..

Sunday November 23, The RAMA Bus trip. (There were a few seats left @ \$10.00 each)

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On Saturday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 14 in the Northern Lights Pavilion, it's your chance to catch some of the finest, talented local dancers in a timeless classic. The Nutcracker is a story about a young German girl who dreams of a Nutcracker Prince and a fierce battle against a Mouse King with seven heads.

"You can expect to see lots of dancing and amazing costumes made by Dani Smolen (The Tutu Cafe)," says Julie Barben, Director and Choreographer of the production. The dancers have been practicing diligently for their big show each and every weekend.

Tickets will become available at Baubles 'N' Bon Bons and Pharmasave in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 15. They are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

For more about this dance extravaganza, please contact Julie Barban at 705 457 - 1990.



"My husband has a large family that lives quite a distance away. We are visiting them for the first time with our two young children. To keep the kids from feeling overwhelmed (and to brush up myself), I created a photo look book of the family members we are likely to be around. The kids will be familiar with their faces, and they won't seem as much like strangers." -- U.L. in Washington

"I have a tip about putting out candles. You can put a little water in the bottom of a glass votive cup before you put in a votive candle. Then, when the candle burns and the wax goes down, it won't stick to the cup. Thanks for the good tips."

"Everyone has had the experience of putting a pair of socks in the laundry, never to see them as a pair again. This is a winner. I join my socks together with a safety pin, and they always return to me as a pair."

Have a leaky fridge door? Try this first. Clean the seal gasket with a mild soap and water. Then apply a very thin layer of petroleum jelly to all sides. If you can shut a dollar in the door and it slips right out, you might need to replace the gasket.

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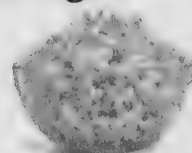


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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

Did you know that April 1, 2009, marks Kinmount's 150th Anniversary? The date reflects the opening of Kinmount Post Office, which signified the establishment of a community back in 1859. As we all know although Kinmount is a small community, it has an extremely strong volunteer base that consistently pulls off amazing feats, so prepare to celebrate! About 25 people brainstormed at the first meeting held Nov. 1. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Nov. 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Your ideas are welcomed!

Kinmount District Health Services Foundation has launched their Special Christmas Appeal. To continue to improve the quality of life for people in Kinmount and the surrounding communities, every cent received will go toward finding a third doctor to handle the ever-growing waiting list. Please give generously. Mail your donation to P.O. Box 225, Kinmount, On, K0M 2A0 or drop off at Kinmount District Health Centre, 31 Country Road 503. Receipts will be issued for all donations over \$20.00.

The people of Kinmount Baptist Church extend the following welcome to worship with them each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: We now have Pastor Dave Sedore & Pastor Dan Sedore as co-pastors of the church. Come join us, as we start fresh to build the work at KBC. For info call 488-3188, leave a message, and someone will return your call a.s.a.p.

Congratulations to Guard Campbell, winner of Kinmount & District Lions Club ATV draw. The Lions Club's delicious Christmas Cakes are now available around town. It's a win-win situation. Support the Lions Club (who does so much for us) and prepare for Christmas at the same time!

Speaking of Christmas, here's a perfect way to catch the Christmas Spirit. Enter a float in this year's Kinmount Santa Claus Parade, Sunday, Dec. 14. Floats gather at Kinmount Tim-Br Mart at 1:30 p.m. The parade begins at 2:00 p.m. and proceeds to the Royal Canadian Legion.

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 8 & 9 - Kinmount Minor Hockey Registration. Sign up at the front cash at Kinmount Freshmart. Cost to play for the entire season is only \$25.00. The season begins with ball hockey until the ice is in (usually around Christmas). All ages are invited to register. Coaches and volunteers are also needed. For more information, call 488-2211.

Nov. 15 - Kinmount & Area Artisans Guild present their Annual Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale, featuring a vast array of Christmas gifts and creative Christmas specialty items. While finding that perfect unique

Christmas gift enjoy refreshments and music! 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Call 488-2938 or 286-4370 for more info.

Nov. 15 - Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library. Who knows what treasures you may discover!

Nov. 22 - Don't miss Kinmount Farmer's Market Christmas Open House. Check out some exciting Christmas goodies & gifts plus all your favourite vendors and treats, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Free gift basket draw. Call 488-2612 for more info.

Nov. 28 - Christmas Music Night, 7:30 p.m. at Galway Hall, Sponsored by Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development. Call 488-2635 for more info.

Dec. 4 - Join in on this heart-warming community celebration, Lights Across Canada, 7:00 p.m. at Kinmount Railway Station. Enjoy the tree lighting, carolling, treats by the fire, festive fellowship and a special visit from you know who! For more information call 488-2635.

Ongoing Events:

Preschool Story time at Kinmount Public Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Ontario Early Years Mobile Resource Program visits Kinmount Community Centre the first 4 Mondays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Kinmount Sparks, Brownies & Guides meet every Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. No girl is refused membership for lack of funds. Call 488-2919 for more information.

Exercise Classes for "49 & holding" at Kinmount Community Centre. Drop in Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Contact Janet at 488-2630 for info.

Seniors Cards: Potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. every Monday followed by bid euchre at 1:00 p.m. Euchre Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Both events are held upstairs at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Kinmount Playschool meets every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Kinmount Community Centre. Call 488-3044 for more information.

Relaxing Yoga at Kinmount Community Centre every Wednesday at 6:30pm. This class is suitable for all levels. Energizing Yoga, Fridays at 8:30 a.m. This class is suitable for physically active people. Call Gail Holness at 455-9294 or e-mail gailholness@sympatico.ca

Bingo lovers - Try your luck Friday evenings at 6:45 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Please call me at (705) 488-2919 or e-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. See you in Kinmount!!!



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Grandmothers Joyous Musical Afternoon

Special Unique Pins Highlight Gifts for Sale At Annual Event

by George Farrell

It's coming up to that special time of year. The time of giving. There are many fund-raisers taking place between now and Christmas. And while all are for good causes, perhaps one of the most poignant is the Joyous Musical Afternoon, organized by the Haliburton Highland chapter of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign, or the H.H.Grannies as they like to call themselves.

The Grandmothers Campaign is an international organization launched by the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF), to raise awareness, build solidarity and mobilize



support for African Grandmothers. There are an estimated 13 million children orphaned by AIDS in Africa, who are being raised by grandmothers.

The H.H. Grannies group now number 60 and they have raised over 14 thousand dollars on behalf of SLF, the fastest growing foundation in Canada. The Grannies meet about four times a year, at the Minden United Church, and the Zion United Church in Carnarvon.

The Joyous Musical Afternoon is the third such event put on by the Grannies, and it features performances by local singers and musicians Dave Hawley and Friends, Soprano Marsha Sweet, and the Tri Vocals, who consist of Jessie Pflug, Elly Malcolmson, and Chris Archer;

all are under the direction and accompaniment of Melissa

Stephens. In addition to the music, visitors can see the wonderfully

decorated 16 foot (5 meter) Christmas tree with over 2000 lights, partake of the yummy goodies, and choose a purchase from among the many gifts on display. There are Granny note pads, and arts and crafts made by the Grannies, including sewing, knitting and crocheted items.

This year there are also some unique and colourful pins for sale, depicting women in pairs and groups. These pins really have to be seen to be fully appreciated. "They're unique and whimsical," says Grannies spokesperson Mickey Bonham. "The pins are made by a former homeless woman who goes by the single name Lucinda. A friend from the Orangeville Grannies group told me about them, and I thought that they'd make a great fund-raising item." The pins, which seem to be made from an acrylic substance, are extremely vibrant. Lorna Roland, who recently purchased a pin from Mickey, says, "They're very unique. You don't see anything like this around the Highlands. I bought mine for a present for a friend. It would make a wonderful Christmas gift. Maybe someone will give me one."

"Every pin is different," Mickey reveals. "I started with 60 pins, and now I'm down to 22, which I'm saving for the Joyous Musical Afternoon." The pins retail for a very reasonable fifteen dollars.

All proceeds from this and all H.H. Grannies events go to support the projects of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. "You don't have to be a Granny to join, and you don't have to be older, or a woman. Our group is open to everyone. The Christmas event at Stouffer Mill is also open to everyone," Mickey explains. Anyone who wants to get involved can contact Mickey Bonham at 286-2198 or go to the website www.grandmotherscampaign.org. "Better still," says Mickey, "Come



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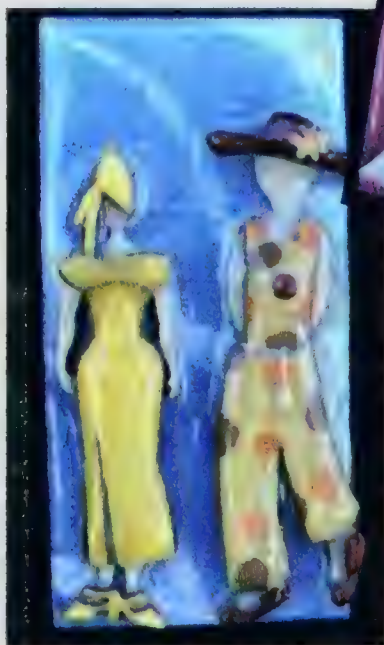
Minden area residents will be able to feast like a king on Sunday, 16 November, as the Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 hosts its annual holiday buffet brunch.

The public is invited to this event and urged to savour over a lavish menu of egg dishes, sausages, bacon, shrimp, salmon molds, salads, BBQ pulled pork, salmon cakes, pancakes, perogies, home fries, cheeses, fruit, desserts, juices, tea and coffee.

Tickets are now on sale at the Legion Hall. If purchased in advance \$12.50 for adults or \$15.00 at the door. Children under 7 will charged \$7.00. Brunch begins at 10a.m., and will last until 1 p.m. at the Legion Hall, Hwy 35 North at the intersection of County Road 21.

Bring your friends, family and a hefty appetite. For more information on the brunch please call the Legion at 705-286-4541.

Grandmothers cont'd... ... from



to our Christmas event and sign up."

The Joyous Musical Afternoon takes place from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday December 6th at the Beautiful Stouffer Mill B&B, which is located on Stouffer Mill Rd, off Highway 35, just north of Halls Lake.

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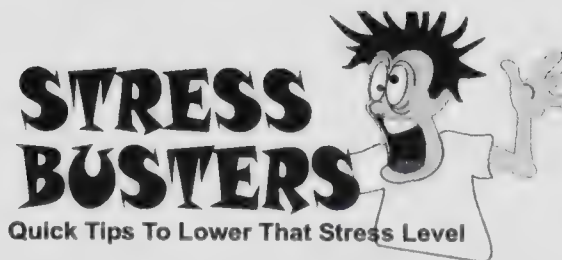


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Two victims of Jack the ripper have returned to London's East End to remind the capital city of its most celebrated unsolved crimes. 'Polly Nicholls, a 42 year-old prostitute, was the first of the cruel butcher's six victims, found with her throat and stomach cut on August 31, 1888. She has been seen since, a huddled pathetic figure, glowing eerily in the gutter of Durwood Street, Whitechapel, where her body was discovered. Harrowing screams heard in Hansbury Street, in nearby Spitalfields, are said to be those of Jack's victims, 47 year-old Annie Chapman.



Folk Society Hosting Winter Folk Camp

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The Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS), Haliburton Ontario, is hosting a Winter Folk Camp March 6, 7 and 8, 2009; the first of what organizers hope will be many annual late winter "get-aways" for folk music devotees at YMCA Wanakita, 10kms. from the village of Haliburton.

The HCFS is not-for-profit and our mission is to foster an appreciation of and participation in folk music in Haliburton County by: Promoting folk and acoustic roots music opportunities; Bringing performers and audiences together; Providing a venue for local and traveling performers and songwriters; Encouraging young artists and musicians; Providing creative and financial support for musical ventures; and Partnering with other folk societies and other performing arts groups

To this end we have engaged a wonderful and talented staff to provide the programming including classes, workshops and concerts at the Winter Folk Camp. The staff includes Isabel Bernhaus (voice/community choir), Eve Goldberg (guitar), Anne Lindsay (violin/fiddle), Katherine Wheatley (songwriting) and Quammie Williams (drumming/rhythm). In addition, local musicians will be featured in our evening concerts. Detailed information about the staff, the program and registration options can be found at our website, www.winterfolkcamp.com

The facilities at YMCA Wanakita are first rate. The camp is situated on a large (1000 acre) property and is fully accessible. Accommodation is modern but rustic and very comfortable and the camp is known for its great food service. Complimentary out of doors winter activities and morning yoga programs will also be available.

Everything is now in place to begin accepting a limited number (@100) of registrations. Any help you can provide us with promoting this event would be most appreciated. I would be delighted to provide more detail on the camp, either by email or in an interview. Many thanks, in advance, for your anticipated assistance.

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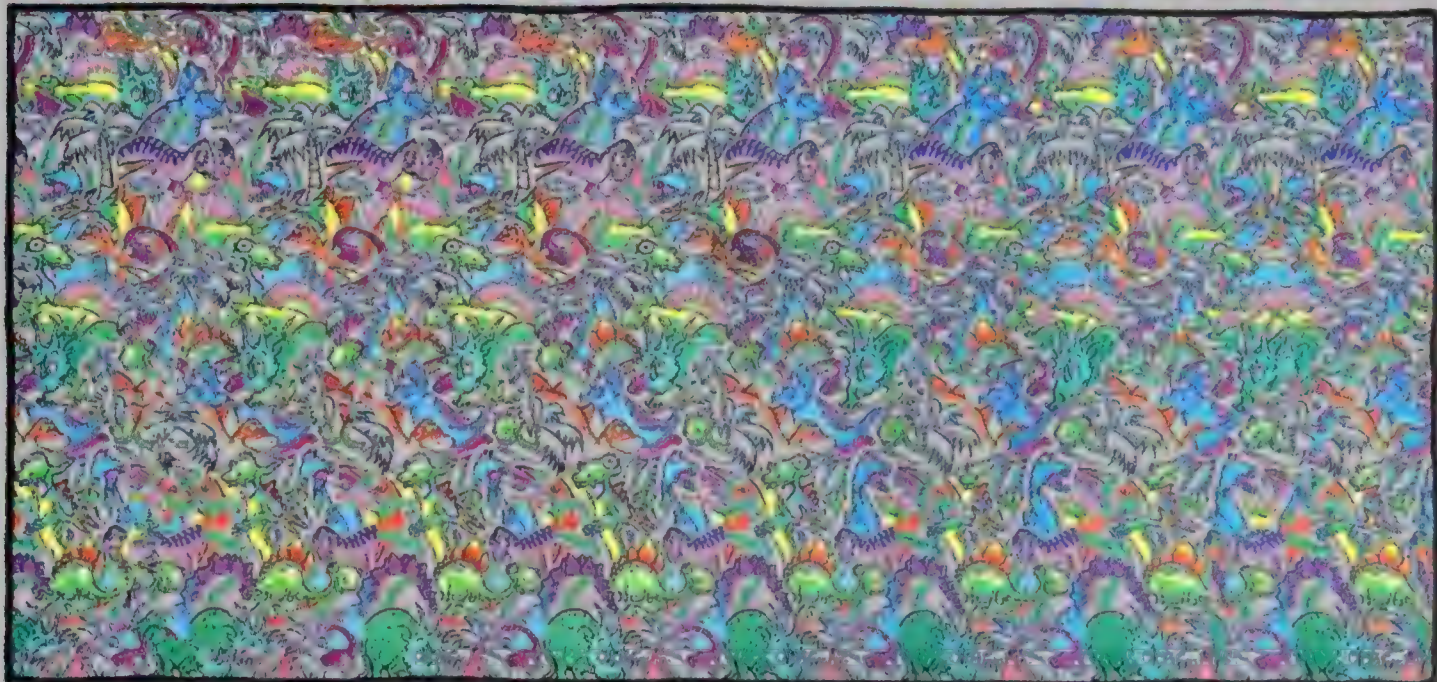
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Eric Holt was a good looking young man who had served in the British Army during the First World War. While in France in 1914, he took ill, was sent home and received a medical discharge.

Eric caught on with a rubber company in Malaya, but tired of the rubber game and returned to England at the conclusion of the war in 1918. His parents were rather well-to-do, respected citizens residing in Lancashire. When their bachelor son returned home, the eligible belles of the town made themselves available. Eric was considered a real catch.

It didn't take more than a few months for a beautiful young girl with the great name of Kitty Breaks to lay claim to our Eric. Kitty was not exactly a shrinking violet. She had been married briefly during the war, but that union had been one of those quickie wartime mistakes. Kitty and Eric did what young lovers have been doing since time immemorial. They hit the sack at every opportunity.

We know of their deep attachment for each other from letters the lovers wrote on those occasions when they were separated.

The missives were so hot they should have been written on asbestos.

In December 1919, Kitty insured her life for 5,000 pounds, listing Eric as the beneficiary. Eric was downright touched. When he

asked her why she had made such a thoughtful gesture, she told him that if anything should happen to her, she wanted him to have something tangible to remember her by. Folks, it was enough to make a grown man cry.

Eric didn't exactly shed tears. Instead, he went to the insurance company and attempted to have the insurance policy raised to 10,000 pounds. The company refused to up the ante.

On Dec. 24, 1919, while the rest of the world was anticipating the arrival of Mr. Claus, a jogging enthusiast ran across dunes

near Blackpool. He noticed an unusual mound, stopped and removed some of the sand. He soon uncovered the outline of a human body, which turned out to be that of Kitty Breaks.

Police were immediately at the scene. Kitty had been shot three times. A revolver, which proved to be the murder weapon, was found beside the body. Police also found a pair of gloves buried with the body. Close by, in water-soaked sand, they noted footprints, which were in such good condition that casts were made of them.

Our Eric wasn't the cleverest of killers. The revolver found with the body belonged to him. So did the gloves. What's more, the footprints beside the body had been made by Eric's shoes. Eric didn't have a pleasant Christmas. He was arrested and charged with the murder of Kitty Breaks.

Eric went to trial with about as much chance as a snowball has of surviving

in a microwave. Seldom has circumstantial evidence against an accused been so overwhelming. The prosecuting attorney detailed the evidence -- the revolver, the gloves and the footprints. The motive was clearly the insurance, which was a small fortune in 1919.

Famed defender of the damned Sir Edward Marshall Hall, considered the leading defence lawyer in the realm at that time, was retained by Eric's family. He decided on a two-pronged approach. He had the Holt family swear Eric was at home on the night of the murder and so could not be the killer. The family didn't make much of an impression. They obviously loved Eric and just as obviously would do anything to save him from the gallows.

Hall also claimed his client was insane. One must realize that the definition of insanity in the eyes of the law was based on the M'Naghten rules. M'Naghten was a weirdo

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who had attempted to assassinate Prime Minister Robert Peel and it is his name that will forever be connected to the rules governing insanity.

Most simply put, a defendant could be judged insane if he did not know what he was doing at the time of the crime and was unable to distinguish between right and wrong. The M'Naghten rules are rigid and do not take into account a large assortment of mental illnesses that psychiatrists are forever putting forward as a legal defence against conviction.

Sir Marshall Hall had a few little problems to overcome. For starters, his client, upon being arrested and asked to give a statement, replied, "I must see my solicitor first." This does not appear to be the utterance of an insane man. Quite to the contrary, an astute and cautious man might request a lawyer before making a statement to police.

Hall dug up revealing information about Eric's family. His grandfather and uncle had been insane. As everyone knows, heredity often is a strong contributing factor in insanity cases.

The trial turned on a lie. Prison psychiatrists had questioned Eric extensively as to his previous illnesses. During one of these interviews, they asked him if he had ever had syphilis. Eric told the doctor that he had never had the disease.

Now, folks, let's review syphilis as its progress would have been charted in 1919. About 10 years after first being infected, depending on the site of the disease, the patient might develop fits and paralysis, which could lead to general paralysis. This was a result of the disease attacking the brain cells, sometimes leading to extreme irritability and forgetfulness. This, in turn, could lead to delusions of grandeur and abandonment of moral restraints. Often, speech became slurred and the pupils of the eyes became irregular. Within three years of the appearance of these symptoms, the patient might be confined to a lunatic asylum.

As it happened, Eric Holt had contracted syphilis, most probably in France when he served in the army. By lying to the Strangeways Prison psychiatrists, this information was never made available to his lawyer.

The best Marshall Hall could do was to plead that his client had reacted to an "uncontrollable impulse", bringing him under the first of the M'Naghten rules, in that for a short period of time his mind had been affected, rendering him incapable of knowing what he was doing.

The judge advised the jury that they could return one of three possible verdicts -- Guilty, Not Guilty or Guilty but Insane. After deliberating only two hours, the jury returned a verdict of Guilty. Eric was sentenced to the gallows.

Only after the verdict was in did a doctor who had treated Eric in Malaya read about the case. He came forward and revealed to authorities that five years earlier he had indeed treated Eric for syphilis and felt that he presently could be quite mad. If only Eric had not lied, he would have supplied his illustrious counsel with enough ammunition to gain a Guilty but Insane verdict.

Sir Marshall Hall appealed. He was able to supply the Appellate Court with proof that Eric suffered from generalized syphilis, which was now well advanced through his system. He implored

the court to consider one question: Is Eric Holt mad now?

Hall admitted that, if the court felt he was not mad, the death sentence should be carried out. However, if the court felt he was mad, Hall reminded them, "England does not execute madmen."

There you have it. Eric Holt most certainly would not have been found guilty had he not lied about having syphilis.

Now the Court of Appeal heard this new evidence regarding Eric's mental condition. But Appellate Courts look at things quite differently than juries. There was no misdirection by the judge, nor was the jury's verdict against the weight of evidence.

They dismissed the appeal.

A last-minute appeal to the Home Secretary was made in an effort to save Eric's life. Knowing that Eric was suffering from syphilis, he could, with the stroke of his pen, have him committed to Broadmoor Asylum.

But such was not to be the case. The jury's verdict was upheld.

Eric Holt had told a lie which sent him directly to the gallows.

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Midwives: A New Option for Women in Haliburton

by Trudy Pogue

It has been a long time coming, but Registered Midwife Rebecca Weeks is excited to announce the opening of her new midwifery practice in Haliburton. For many years her passion has been to practice in a rural community: as a student she wrote her synthesis paper on rural and remote obstetrics and the lack of choice available to women in these communities.

"I have always felt that birth belonged in the community and women had the right to birth in their communities with their families, friends and supports around them," says Weeks.

Weeks is no stranger to the area, having spent summers with her family at their cottage in Harcourt Park since 1971. She and her husband and their four children moved to the area this summer. Weeks had previously practiced at Community Care Midwives in Oshawa and held privileges at hospitals in Oshawa and Cobourg.

As of 1994, midwifery services in Ontario are fully regulated and fully funded. There are no fees for midwifery care. Prenatal, birth and postpartum care are paid for by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. The website of the Association of Ontario Midwives (www.aom.on.ca) provides the following definition and description of a midwife: "A midwife is a registered health care professional who provides primary care to low risk women throughout their pregnancy, labour and birth and provides care to both mother and baby during the first six weeks following the birth. Midwives work together in group practices. A woman receives care

from a small number of midwives. During regularly scheduled visits to the midwifery practice, midwives provide clinical examinations, counseling and education. Women in midwifery care normally do not see a physician during their pregnancy, labour or the first six weeks after the birth unless complications arise."

Midwifery in Ontario is based on three main principles: Continuity of Care, Informed Choice and Choice of Birthplace. Midwives provide continuous care from very early in a woman's pregnancy throughout labour, birth and the first six weeks after birth. They are available to their clients 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We develop a very close, intimate relationship with a woman and her family. We visit them in their homes, we will do prenatal care in the home, I'll draw blood at home," says Weeks. "I get to know their whole family—their partner, their children, even their dog!"

Informed Choice means that women are the primary decision makers when it comes to their care. Midwives provide information to help women make informed decisions on such things as ultrasounds,

blood work and genetic screening.

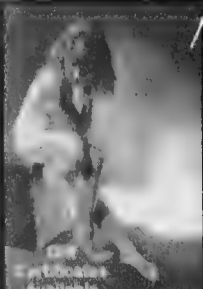
Choice of Birthplace means that midwifery clients can choose between giving birth at home or in a hospital. Weeks is currently seeking hospital privileges in Haliburton, Orillia and Peterborough.

In Ontario there are approximately 390 registered midwives. The province was the first to regulate and legislate midwifery and other provinces have since followed suit, including British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec and Nova Scotia. Upon completing the Ontario Midwifery Education program (or the International Midwifery pre-registration program), midwives are qualified to practice. The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care must approve each Midwifery practice. Weeks submitted her proposal to open a practice in the Haliburton/Bancroft area in January, including with it letters of support from several community stakeholders. The ministry estimated potential caseload based on population statistics and the number of women who have unsuccessfully sought midwifery care in the area. In August she received the good news: her proposal was accepted, and she is now in the process of establishing Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft.

Renovations are currently underway at Weeks' future clinic in the lower Stedmans Mall in downtown Haliburton. The new clinic is conveniently located across the hall from the Highlands Community Pregnancy Care Centre. Currently in its third year of operation, the Centre provides information, resources and support to individuals faced with an unplanned pregnancy. Julie Goodwin, the Executive Director, has received several inquiries from clients regarding the availability of midwives in the area, and she has already been giving out Weeks' business cards.

"Personal care in your own community is very appealing," she says. Many of Goodwin's clients are young, and getting transportation





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to out of town appointments can be difficult. Cutting down on travel reduces stress and also helps out financially.

"A lot of them have to rely on a parent," she says, adding that this often means Mom needs to take a day off work.

Linda Mintz is the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program Coordinator at SIRCH. She operates the Special Delivery Club, which provides nutrition and breast-feeding information and assistance for prenatal and postnatal women. Mintz says she has received many requests for midwives over the years and will be inviting Rebecca to come regularly and give presentations to her clients. Weeks has already done one presentation where she went over the stages of labour with the class. In a future class she will be bringing her "teaching pelvis" so they can "do a birth."

"I see this as a beautiful partnership," says Mintz.

Pip Bain was under the care of a midwife in Lindsay when she was pregnant with her son, Josiah. Her plan was to deliver at the Lindsay Hospital with the midwife at her side.

"He came so fast we ended up having him in Haliburton without the midwife," she says.

Bain was very pleased with the emergency care she received from the doctors and nurses at the Haliburton Hospital. It was also a bonus to be so close to home, allowing family and friends to visit her and her new baby without traveling to Lindsay and staying in a hotel.

Bain's mother is a midwife in Australia and when Bain was pregnant, they looked into the qualifications required for midwives in Ontario and were very impressed. Mother and daughter stopped by Weeks' clinic recently and introduced themselves.

"I felt like I was talking to an old friend," says Bain. "We hugged when we left."

A close relationship usually develops between a midwife and her client. Bain thinks this is largely due to the generous time allotted for appointments. Being a first-time mom, Bain had lots of questions, but she had plenty of time to ask them all and their conversations allowed her to become familiar and comfortable with her midwife. She is pleased that midwifery care is now locally available, and that midwifery births at the Haliburton Hospital are a very real possibility, giving women one more option to choose from.

Dr. Norm Bottum is the only doctor in Haliburton who performs obstetrics. He thinks that Weeks' midwifery practice will be a nice addition to what is already available in the community. While he says it is too early to say how he and Weeks might work together, he does

support giving midwives hospital privileges in Haliburton. He explains that since the hospital has no experience in this area, it is up to Weeks to provide the necessary information and statistics to help them do an impact analysis and make their decision.

"I don't foresee it being an issue," he says, adding that he expects her request for hospital privileges to be approved by December.

Some women will still choose to give birth at a larger hospital, one that can offer an epidural if needed for pain relief. Dr. Bottum says the Haliburton Hospital may never be able to offer an epidural as this would require an anesthesiologist to be available 24-7, as well as a surgeon who could perform an emergency c-section if required. There are many other ways to deal with the pain, he says. Weeks agrees, and both physicians and midwives talk about this with their clients during their visits.

"She's a pioneer," says Dr. Bottum. "She will lay the groundwork for future midwives in the area."

Weeks' catchment area is large, stretching from Minden and Haliburton to Wilberforce, up to Maynooth, and down through Bancroft, Coe Hill, Apsley and Kinmount. This area was selected based on current availability of midwives in other areas. Women in this area have sought midwives but were forced to go to outlying areas such as Muskoka or Lindsay. Weeks has already taken three clients into care and was recently on call to attend an upcoming birth for a Haliburton woman under the care of a midwife in Muskoka. She has enlisted three individuals (two EMS staff and a registered nurse) willing to act as second attendants at deliveries. Weeks is currently seeking another midwife to join her practice. In the future, she hopes to open a second clinic in Bancroft and welcome more midwives. To contact Rebecca, call (705) 457-9992, email info@haliburtonbancroftmidwives.ca, or visit her website at www.haliburtonbancroftmidwives.ca. Weeks plans to have an Open House when the new clinic officially opens.



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You Be The Detective...

"So - have you found yourself a minivan yet?" asked Stanwick as he took off his coat and sat down.

"Still shopping," said Walker from across his desk. "It's a pain, but my family needs the space. Not like you singles."

It was a Tuesday morning in winter, and Stanwick had dropped by the inspector's office at police headquarters.

"A surprising number of singles get them too," remarked Stanwick.

"Actually, that's true," replied Walker. "I've discovered that in one of my current cases. That hit-and-run last Friday night."

"Oh? Tell me about it."

"It was about quarter of eleven," Walker leaned back in his chair.

"A pharmacist named Susan Levine, age 27, left the skating rink on Harpwell Avenue and started to cross the street to get to her car in the opposite lot. According to our witness, a dark minivan that had been parked up the street, with its motor running but its lights off, suddenly peeled out and ran her down. Then it turned on its one working headlight and roared off."

"Who was this witness?" asked Stanwick.

"Fellow named Townley. An electrical engineer in his early sixties. He was walking to the rink to pick up his granddaughter. After the incident, he ducked into a convenience store to tell the clerk to call 911 and then went out to Levine. Nothing could be done."

"Could he describe the van?"

"Not in any detail, but he swears he got the license number: N68SXH. A genuine in-state plate, too, he says: the background color and glint were right. A streetlight was in just the right position. Trouble is, the Department of Motor Vehicles has no such number in its database."

Stanwick fingered the tip of his moustache. "Did the convenience store clerk see or hear anything?"

"Blind and deaf. At least where trouble was concerned. He did make the call, though. We found broken glass by the victim, apparently from one of the van headlights. We also found tire marks where the van peeled out from the sidewalk, but no brake marks."

"So it looks like deliberate murder."

"Exactly."

Stanwick shifted in his wooden chair. "Levine and the driver probably knew each other, then," he said.

A Minivan Mystery

"That's our working theory," said Walker. "And that's where the point about singles having minivans comes in. We checked the address book in Levine's apartment and found two people listed, both single, who happen to own dark blue vans that had body work done on them this past weekend."

"Really! That's remarkable. Quite a coincidence even if there had been no crime. Who are they?"

"One is Judy Magee, a research chemist and a college friend of Levine's. Works at Genotrom. Says she was watching TV in her apartment Friday evening. She tells us she has a minivan because she likes taking her sister's kids to events on Sundays when she can. According to her, she dented the van in a parking lot recently. Hatch talked to the sister, who says Magee hasn't taken the kids anywhere for three or four weeks."

"Maybe it's her busy season," said Stanwick.

"If chemists have them," Walker continued. "The other repaired van belongs to Michael Caponette, an assistant at an advertising agency. He claims to know Levine from high school, though we haven't confirmed that yet. Says he was seeing a movie alone at the Cineplex on Friday evening. His minivan, which he bought cheap from a cousin, slid on some ice last week and banged a post, he tells us."

"I suppose you have the good Sergeant Hatch out checking with the body shops," said Stanwick.

"And on a few other leads," Walker replied. "We have our eye on the pharmacy where Levine worked. It may be involved in a prescription drug ring."

Stanwick suddenly leaned forward, wrote on a pad of paper on Walker's desk, tore off the sheet, and handed it across.

"By any chance," he asked, "is this the license plate number of either of Levine's friends?"

Walker stared at the number and looked up at Stanwick in astonishment.

"Why, yes," he said. "This is Caponette's tag. Tom, how did you know that?"

"Just turning things over in my mind," Stanwick chuckled.

"Caponette's your man."

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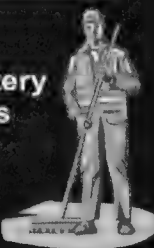
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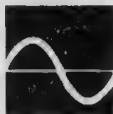
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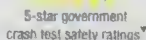


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Taking Action for a Better World

Val Craftchick Says That "It's Time to Plant the Seeds"

By Mark Arike

As human beings, one of our responsibilities is to try and make this world a better place.

It's this way of thinking and attitude towards life that Val Craftchick, who lives just outside of Carnarvon, strongly believes in. In her words, "it's time that we plant the seeds."

Craftchick has been called a "healer, medicine woman, shaman." She has worked at Haliburton Chiropractic & Massage Therapy for the past four years and lives in the Highlands on a 100-acre farm she calls 'Coyote Springs'.

Craftchick often works at her farm with clients in an adobe style of structure known as a Mongolian Yurt.

"When people come to my home for healing sessions sometimes I take them back to the yurt," explains Craftchick, who practices Shamanism.

A Shaman is defined as someone who acts as

a go-between for the physical and spiritual realms, and who is said to have particular powers such as prophecy and healing. Shamanism is not a religion. The word shaman comes from the Tungus people and means "medicine person".

"I had a vision in the 90's when I bought the farm. I had a vision for healing," said Craftchick.

At Coyote Springs, Craftchick practices a range of Shamanic healing techniques including; soul retrieval, extractions, phycopomp, reiki, reflexology, deep tissue massages, and more. She also teaches many of the modalities that she is knowledgeable about.

When clients come to her with ailments that they are unsure of, Craftchick can almost always pinpoint the cause of what's bothering them.

"The information I get comes from the spirit realm. When my hands are on people I get information which can be about past traumas or an issue in the body."

But because she's not a doctor, Craftchick always advises clients to see their doctor afterwards.

"The doctor needs to investigate what's going on, and when they do, they end up confirming that what I said was right."

Craftchick hasn't practiced Shamanism for her entire life, but it's something she says she was destined to do.

"I came into this line of work in my early 40's after working in many different types of jobs, one of which was nursing," she explains. "I became very ill. The specialists knew that I was ill but they couldn't find anything wrong. What they told me is that I had become disabled and that I wouldn't be able to work again."

That's when Craftchick went to a woman who practiced reflexology (a form of foot massage that promotes healing and relaxation in the body). And it's when she caught a real glimmer of hope.

"I took a course in reflexology as I was slowly getting better - I wasn't going to die," she said.

Since that life-changing experience, she says she hasn't looked



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Val: Healer, Medicine Woman, Shaman...

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back.

"I've been the healthiest I have ever been in my life. I'm very grateful for my life and I've been given many gifts."

It's obvious that Craftchick strongly believes in the practice of Shamanism. If everyone on Earth learned about it and participated, she believes that the world would be a much better place. She also urges that people in their communities take action to help heal the planet that is slowly diminishing.

"There are people who are throwing garbage onto the ground and boats are putting pollution into the water. We can't continue to pollute the water because we need it to survive. We've also been using woodstoves that pollute the air. There are so many things that we do that we don't consciously think about."

According to Craftchick, other recognized Shamans on opposite ends of the world are echoing the same statements.

Mandaza (Augustine) Kademwa is one of these medicine men. This past August, Craftchick spent a week with the healer in Algonquin Park. Mandaza regularly travels North America providing an opportunity for people to gather to experience an indigenous understanding of the interrelatedness of healing, peacemaking and community.

Through Mandaza's tours, he is able to fundraise for his family and communities in Africa that are in desperate need of support. 'Tatenda' is the non-profit group that assists Mandaza with his work and other traditional healers like him.

In an email to friends, Craftchick says that her goal was to learn from Mandaza during the session, but what she got out of it was much more than she expected.

"One of the questions that Mandaza asked was to see yourself in another's eyes, become that person," wrote



Craftchick in her email. "I did that and I felt unbelievable pain and I became the waters and was choking from lack of oxygen and pollution. I became Mother Earth and felt her sorrow in words I cannot describe."

Craftchick hopes to bring Mandaza to Haliburton County next summer to spread his messages of healing and peace.

"He's a beautiful spirit," she says. "He's so kind and loving...One of his points is that there are so many people who only believe in one religion. That's what has brought about so many wars. Until we see ourselves as the other person, there won't be healing or peace in the world."

Although Haliburton County is viewed as a peaceful and scenic getaway, the effects of damage being inflicted on the planet reaches us here, says Craftchick.

"People are throwing garbage in the water and Sea-Doos and boats are ripping around. You can't continue to pollute the water like that. Now even in Haliburton we have smog reports! I think to myself 'What is wrong?'"

For the sake of future generations to come, Craftchick says that the healing needs to begin sooner rather than later.

"I would like things to change now," she says. "But it all depends on how many people want the peace and healing and are willing to look past their egos. This may not happen in my lifetime."

Planting more trees, being more conscious of our surroundings, educating the children of today and making people accountable for their actions are all steps that Craftchick says can be taken to turn things around.

"I cannot sit back and not take action any longer. Spirit says it's time to plant the seeds."

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A Cup of Coffee & A Second Opinion

with Susan Lee

When the markets turn as volatile and confusing as they have over the past year, even the most patient investors may come to question the wisdom of the investment plan they have been following. Over my career as a Certified Financial Planner I have seen a lot of difficult markets come and go. And I certainly empathize with people who find the current environment troublesome and disturbing. I would like to help, if I can, and here is what I offer.

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By appointment, you are welcome to come in and sit with me for a while. I will ask you to outline your financial goals and what your investment portfolio is intended to do for you. Then I will review the portfolio for and with you.

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My opinion of the new TFSA account is that in the future I see plenty of opportunity when everyone's individual contribution rooms are higher. Right now in the infancy stage of the product with only \$5000.00 room for 2009 it is a nice feature to have around a savings account. Over the years we all have seen many changes to the RSP/RIF retirement savings program and I would expect to see the changes as well over time with this new TFSA account.

 Susan Lee



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It's the Law

It's the Law

A law in New York made it illegal for dogs to bark continuously for more than fifteen minutes. First time offenders are fined fifty dollars, second-time offenders one hundred dollars, third- time offenders were jailed for fifteen days!

In Pu'uhonu O Honuahu, Hawaii, Ancient laws called "Kapu" forbade anyone from landing his canoe on a royal beach or letting his shadow fall on palace grounds!

"Cityspire," a skyscraper in New York City, was fined by the City Department of Environmental Protection for whistling!

It was once against the law in Schenectady, New York, to fill holes in the wall with putty on Sundays!

In Belt, Montana, it was once against the law to dance the "Angleworm Wiggle"!

Trivia Quiz

1. LANGUAGE: In its archaic usage, what is snickersnee?
2. LITERATURE: Which character utters the line, "Open sesame," and in which body of work?
3. HISTORY: Which Russian leader introduced the policy of "glasnost," which opened discussion of political and social issues and led to greater freedom of information?
4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of drink is Bardolino?
5. SCIENCE: What is the focus of agronomy?
6. LEGALLY SPEAKING: What is voir dire?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: In the 1970s, President Gerald Ford introduced a slogan and acronym that didn't catch on well in America. What did his "WIN" buttons stand for?
8. MUSIC: Which pop singer starred in the 1980 remake of "The Jazz Singer"?
9. ANATOMY: How many wisdom teeth does an adult usually have?
10. MOVIES: Who played the devil-possessed child in "The Exorcist"?

1. Fighting with knives
2. Ali Baba in the story
3. "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"
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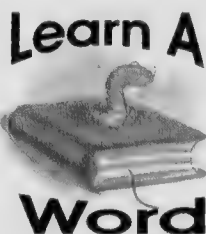
There are various new developments in the area of labour and employment law. You may have heard, for example, about the TTC in Toronto attempting to impose drug and alcohol testing. This is a trend among employers with employees in safety-sensitive jobs, such as driving a bus. The obvious purpose for such testing is to avoid workplace accidents caused by impairment from drug and alcohol use on the job.

There have been human rights challenges to such testing, whether on the job testing or pre-employment testing. In one case, a large multi-national company had a hiring policy requiring all applicants to pass a pre-employment drug test. One applicant was a recreational cannabis user. The applicant failed the test and challenged the policy in the courts arguing discrimination. The appellate court concluded that the policy was not discriminatory because the testing was directed at the actual effects suffered by recreational cannabis users and how this could impact on job performance.

Another hot topic these days is workplace violence. Employers are exposed to lawsuits by employees or customers resulting from injury in the workplace due to violence. This is a security issue for employers and many of the big companies now employ security officers on the job. According to the Criminal Code, a security officer is justified in using reasonable force to protect another person from a violent act. Thus, a security officer may use baton and handcuffs when facing an actively violent person without exposing the employer to a potential lawsuit. But employers may be exposed to liability for the acts of its security officer if the officer uses force that is not legally justified or uses excessive force.

There are also new provisions in the Criminal Code for prosecuting an employer for criminal negligence causing death when a workplace accident results in the death of an employee. The first successful prosecution occurred this year in Quebec. An employer was found negligent when it allowed an employee to operate a machine when its motion detector safety mechanism was deactivated. The employee was killed trying to clear a jam in the machine. The employer was fined \$110,000. Surprisingly, no one became a guest of Her Majesty the Queen.

In the next column, I will be talking about land.



Omnipotent

\am-ni-pe-tent\ adj: having virtually unlimited authority or influence.

Small children often believe their parent to be omnipotent, capable of commanding any situation or resolving any problem they find before them.

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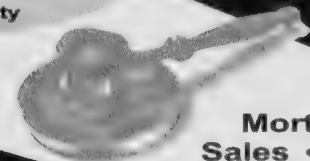
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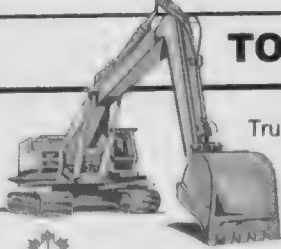
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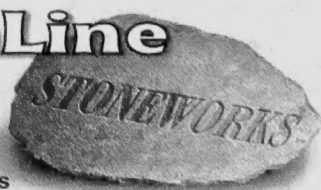
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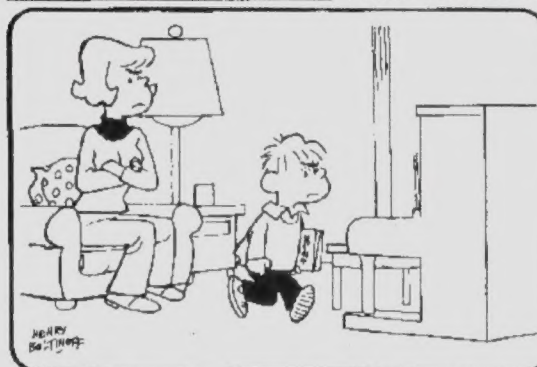
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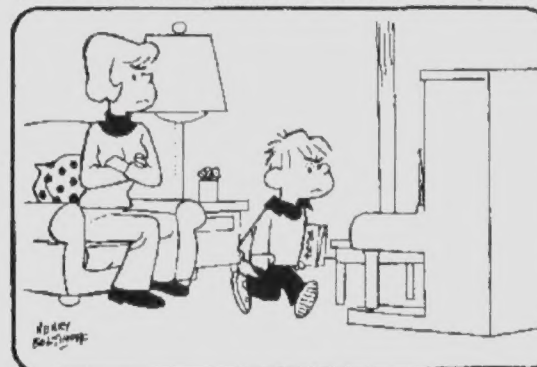
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by the Bashful Comic

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. 'What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!' he said to himself.

As he continued walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes. Turning to look, he saw a 7 foot grizzly charging towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. Looking over his shoulder he saw that the bear was closing in on him. His heart was pumping frantically and he tried to run even faster. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear raising his paw to take a swipe at him.

At that instant the atheist cried out: 'Oh my God....!'

Time stopped.

The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

It was then that a bright light shone upon the man and a voice came out of the sky saying:

'You deny my existence for all of these years, told others I didn't exist and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?'

The atheist looked directly into the light and said: 'It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps, could you make the BEAR a Christian?'

'Very well,' said the voice.

The light went out, and the sounds of the forest resumed.

And then the bear lowered his paw, bowed his head and spoke:

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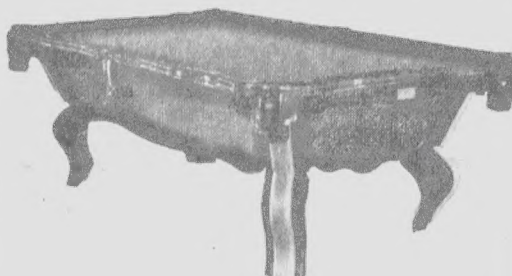
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Why do Stars Twinkle?

It's because they're so far away. Our nearest star after the sun is so distant that its light reaches Earth as a tiny pinpoint. Any movement of air in our atmosphere causes this pinpoint of light to waver, or twinkle. You can use this fact to decide if you're watching a star or planet, because planets don't twinkle. The light from a planet reaches earth as a much bigger bundle of light because it's close enough to be seen as a disc, not merely a pinpoint. The larger the bundle of light, therefore, that reaches Earth, the less it's affected by our turbulent atmosphere and the more constant it appears to us. Besides, "Twinkle, twinkle, little planet" just doesn't sound right!

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It was American journalist and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Ellen Goodman who made the following sage observation: "Normal is getting dressed in clothes that you buy for work and driving through traffic in a car that you are still paying for -- in order to get to the job you need to pay for the clothes and the car, and the house you leave vacant all day so you can afford to live in it."

Hens don't actually sit on their eggs; they squat on them, keeping their weight on their feet.

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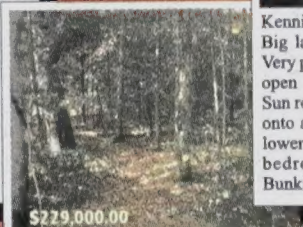


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